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**Member Spotlight  
Marti Siska, AIA**

**I am a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) because...** the organization enables me to be part of the architect community. It keeps me in touch with the latest events, innovations, and designs. It is a great way to connect and grow.

I had just got my drafting degree from the community college. UNLV started an unaccredited architecture program that I signed up for. I loved it and finished at the U of A. When I returned to Las Vegas I got a job with Atlandia for 7 years working on the team for the Mirage and Treasure Island. I went to JMA for another 7 years working on an array of different types of projects. I really enjoyed working there. Then I went to the City of Las Vegas Public Works as a Architectural designer, which means you do a little of everything. You do scrappy little projects to working on some large really exciting projects. Eventually I became a Project Manager, where I facilitate larger Capital Improvement Projects. Depending on the work loads I usually outsource the projects to our community professionals. I oversee the projects from concept through construction and try to keep the city sponsors and the consultant on the same page. I have been at the city now for 20 years.

I have been lucky to have been employed working in the field of architecture since graduating college. It is always interesting with new problems to solve. I have enjoyed working on some great team projects with so many talented people.

**What is the most important thing you've learned?** Some people think architecture is glamorous. It isn't.

**What is your favorite piece of architecture? Why?** I totally embrace the beauty of sustainability and efficiency of building designs but I cannot help but love the works and art of Santiago Calatrava, especially the Milwaukee Art Museum. Santiago has an amazing the body of work and each project is iconic in its own way. I was lucky to see his keynote speech at the first Las Vegas AIA convention.

**Where will you be in 20 years?** Hopefully healthy and walking!

**What person, living or dead, would you most like to talk with?** It would be my friend Donald who was a painter, sculptor and self taught engineer. He died 15 years ago at 100. He would be very interested in what is going on in the profession. He was my lifelong friend and inspiration.



MARTI SISKI, AIA



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As I write my final President's Message, I am reflecting on how 2020 has been an unbelievably crazy year. This year goes down as one of the most challenging and unpredictable years I can recall. Like many organizations, AIA Las Vegas had to overcome obstacles and face its own challenges this year due to the coronavirus. We were able to react and act rather quickly and move from in person to virtual events. More importantly, we found new and unique ways to connect with our AIA and Allied members, as well as the Las Vegas community.

2020 was also about a year of focus on CLIMATE CHANGE: Taking Action to Transform the Practice of Architecture. With buildings generating nearly 40% of annual global GHG emissions and the global building stock expecting to double in area by 2060, architects are uniquely positioned to play a key role in developing solutions to eliminate carbon emissions. It is expected that we will add 2.5 trillion square feet of new floor area to the global building stock in the next 40 years.

One of the goals this year was to increase the number of firms who are signatories of the AIA 2030 Commitment. We started the year with four firms as signatories and I am happy to report the Nevada firms who have signed on to the AIA 2030 Commitment has tripled to 12. Thank you to the firms who have stepped up and made a commitment to designing for energy efficiency and carbon neutrality by 2030.

Although we are continuing to work on our climate action goals and objectives, this year, in spite of the pandemic, we have managed to bring in national speakers who are addressing climate change in architecture and design. The year started off with Marsha Maytum, FAIA of Leddy Maytum Stacy Architects in San Francisco and continued with Tate Walker, AIA, Director of Sustainability at OPN Architects. We also were fortunate to hear from Vincent Martinez, COO of Architecture 2030 and concluded with Ed Mazria, CEO of Architecture 2030.

Earlier this year, AIA Las Vegas hosted a panel discussion, What are Las Vegas and Nevada Doing to Combat Climate Change, which included Nevada State Senator Chris Brooks, County Commissioner Justin Jones, Jennifer Taylor from the Governor's Office of Energy, Marco Velotta from City of Las Vegas Planning, and Kristen Averyt, who is a Climate Change Policy Coordinator at the State of Nevada and Research Professor at UNLV.

Additionally, we hosted the AIA + 2030 Virtual Fall Education Online Series Certificate Program. The series educated and inspired 15 AIA Las Vegas members to meet the 2030 goals through design strategies, efficient technologies and systems, and renewable energy resources.

All of these programs focused on addressing climate change and what we can do as architects and design professionals in Southern Nevada to create carbon neutral buildings by 2030. We still have much work to do, but I am confident the Las Vegas A/E/C community can drive the change that is necessary to meeting zero carbon goals in this decade.

This year also showed me what a dedicated, strong and resilient AIA Las Vegas chapter looks like. I would like to thank Randy and Kelly Lavigne for their leadership, guidance, friendship, and dedication to the constant success of AIA Las Vegas.

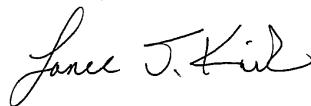
Thank you to the AIA Las Vegas Board of Directors. It has been my privilege to work alongside such a wonderful and committed group of individuals.

Lastly, I would like to thank James Horvath for his support and wish him all the best as the 2021 AIA Las Vegas President. James has wonderful plans to connect and build a stronger AIA Las Vegas chapter.

Finally, I would like to thank all the members, colleagues, friends, and supporters of AIA Las Vegas. It is with your continual support this organization has been able to succeed for over sixty years. Thank you AIA Las Vegas for allowing me to play a part and write a chapter in your bestseller.

As always, stay healthy, stay positive and stay Vegas Strong! I will see you in 2021.

Sincerely,



Lance J. Kirk, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP



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## AIA LAS VEGAS 2021 EVENT SCHEDULE

This is the schedule (as of November 24th, 2020) for AIA Las Vegas Events in 2021

Please note this schedule is subject to change should the need arise. Events may be added by the committees as the year progresses. Keep an eye on the AIA Las Vegas Website ([www.aialasvegas.org](http://www.aialasvegas.org)) for up to date information.

### JANUARY

8th 11:00am to 1:00pm - Virtual Urban Sketchers  
14th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
20th 9:00 to 9:30am - Coffee With An Architect  
**5:30 to 8:00pm - AIA LV Member Meeting**  
28th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon

### FEBRUARY

11th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
12th 11:00am to 1:00pm - Virtual Urban Sketchers  
17th 9:00 to 9:30am - Coffee With An Architect  
**5:30 to 8:00pm - AIA LV Member Meeting**  
25th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
26th 1:00 to 2:30pm - UNLV SoA Lecture "Snöhetta"

### MARCH

6th TBA - Bald By Design  
11th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
13th 10:00am to 12:00pm - Live Outdoors Urban Sketchers  
17th 9:00 to 9:30am - Coffee With An Architect  
**5:30 to 8:00pm - AIA LV Member Meeting**  
25th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
26th 1:00 to 2:30pm - UNLV SoA Lecture "Zaha Hadid Arch."

### APRIL

2nd TBA - 1st Friday Event  
8th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
10th 10:00am to 12:00pm - Live Outdoors Urban Sketchers  
16th TBA - Clays For A Cause  
1:00 to 2:30pm - UNLV SoA Lecture "Renzo Piano"  
21st 9:00 to 9:30am - Coffee With An Architect  
**5:30 to 8:00pm - High School Design Awards**  
22nd 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
23rd 1:00 to 2:30pm - UNLV SoA Lecture "Transsolar"

### MAY

8th 10:00am to 12:00pm - Live Outdoors Urban Sketchers  
13th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
19th 9:00 to 9:30am - Coffee With An Architect  
**5:30 to 8:00pm - AIA LV Member Meeting**  
27th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon

### JUNE

10th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
12th 10:00am to 12:00pm - Urban Sketchers  
16th - 20th AIA National Convention  
23rd 9:00 to 9:30am - Coffee With An Architect  
**5:30 to 8:00pm - AIA LV Member Meeting**

### JULY

8th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
10th 10:00am to 12:00pm - Urban Sketchers  
21st 9:00 to 9:30am - Coffee With An Architect  
**5:30 to 8:00pm - AIA LV Member Meeting**  
22nd 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon

### AUGUST

12th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
14th 10:00am to 12:00pm - Live Outdoors Urban Sketchers  
18th 9:00 to 9:30am - Coffee With An Architect  
**5:30 to 8:00pm - AIA LV Member Meeting**  
26th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon

### SEPTEMBER

9th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
11th 10:00am to 12:00pm - Live Outdoors Urban Sketchers  
15th 9:00 to 9:30am - Coffee With An Architect  
**TBA - AIA Las Vegas Product Show**  
23rd 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
29th - Oct. 2nd AIA WMR Conference

### OCTOBER

6th TBA - Allied Appreciation Event  
8th 11:00am to 1:00pm - Virtual Urban Sketchers  
14th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
20th 9:00 to 9:30am - Coffee With An Architect  
**5:30 to 8:00pm - AIA LV Member Meeting**  
28th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon

### NOVEMBER

11th 11:30am to 1:00pm - AIA LV CE Virtual Luncheon  
12th 11:00am to 1:00pm - Virtual Urban Sketchers  
17th 9:00 to 9:30am - Coffee With An Architect  
**TBA - AIA Las Vegas Member Meeting**

### DECEMBER

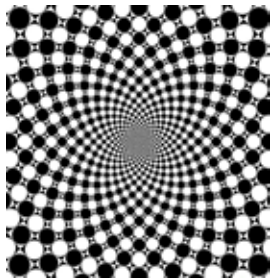
3rd **TBA - AIA NV Design & Service Awards and AIA LV Holiday Celebration**  
10th 11:00am to 1:00pm - Virtual Urban Sketchers  
16th 9:00 to 9:30am - Coffee With An Architect

### WHAT DOES AIA Las Vegas STAND FOR?

- We stand for equity and human rights
- We stand for architecture that strengthens our communities
- We stand for a sustainable future
- We stand for protecting communities from the impact of climate change
- We stand for investing in the future
- We speak up, and policymakers listen

**If you stand for these things, and you value the work you do as an architect, then stand with the AIA as an active member and work to protect your profession and improve your community and your world.**





## JANUARY MEMBER MEETING “SYNERGISTIC ARCHITECTURE – BOUNCING FORWARD”

As we leave 2020 behind.... And launch into a whole New Year, let's put our best efforts forward and look at our world in a brand new way – positive, energetic, hopeful and synergistically. Our first Virtual Member Meeting of the year is scheduled for Wednesday, January 20th at 5:30PM via Zoom. Our focus will be on “Bouncing Forward in 2021” and we've enlisted the support of Stephanie Rosol of Skye Coaching and Consulting. She will share strategies from the world of positive psychology on adapting with resilience, bouncing forward rather than bouncing back. Her presentation will include a discussion on the use of the Cynefin Framework and Polarity Management to support decision making and problem solving in complexity.

Stephanie Rosol, SPR PCC works with leaders and teams to improve performance, enhance communication, and increase satisfaction in both professional and personal domains. As an executive coach, thought-partner, leadership consultant and HR advisor, she brings 25 years as a Senior Executive and Non-Profit Leader. She offers perspectives from the front line to the board room, inside and outside of business, to listen and support organizational leaders as they navigate the choices in their lives.

As Vice President of Human Resources for Wynn Las Vegas and as Corporate Director for Talent Development with Caesars Entertainment, she was responsible for organizational culture and engagement initiatives impacting more than 100,000 employees. Stephanie was recognized as one of Southern Nevada's best and brightest professionals at Vegas Inc's 10th annual 40 under 40 event. She holds degrees in Human Development and Executive Leadership. Trained in positive psychology, emotional intelligence, executive presence, embodied leadership, she's earned coaching certifications from Gallup, The Newfield Network and the Institute for Generative Leadership. She is a Professional Certified Coach (PCC) with the International Coach Federation and a certified Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).



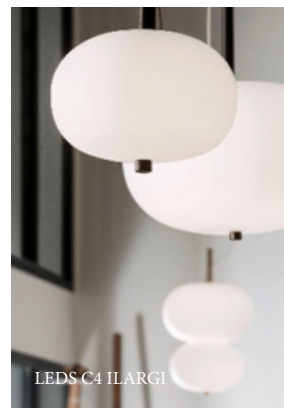
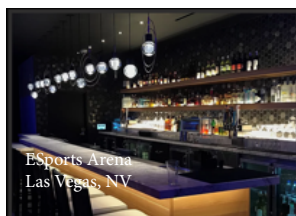
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We have the following dates available for Virtual Continuing Education Luncheons.  
Please note, They are all Thursdays from 11:30am to 1:00pm.

January 14th and 28th  
February 11th and 25th  
March 11th and 25th  
April 8th and 22nd  
May 13th and 27th  
June 10th  
July 8th and 22nd  
August 12th and 26th  
September 9th and 23rd  
October 14th and 28th  
November 11th

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### Civic Places – Public Buildings and Infrastructure



#### Snøhetta

Speaker: MICHELLE DELK, Partner, Snøhetta New York  
www.snohetta.com  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021, from 1pm to 2:30pm

#### Zaha Hadid Architects

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### Renzo Piano Building Workshop

Speaker: DANIEL HAMMERMAN, RPBW New York  
www.rpbw.com  
FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021, from 1pm to 2:30pm



#### Transsolar

Speaker: Professor THOMAS AUER  
Transsolar KlimaEngineering, Stuttgart | Munich | New York  
https://transsolar.com  
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021, from 1pm to 2:30pm

Introductions by Dr. Steffen Lehmann, curator of the speaker series.

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Client: "When will you be done with the project?"

Engineer: "I worked on it all night and emailed it to you early this morning."

Client: "Well, is there anything you can do to get it to me sooner?"



### WRIGHT CEO PUBLISHES SECOND BOOK

Well, sort of...It's his second self-published book--a collection of his cartoons making fun of engineers, architects, builders, and others in the AEC industry, along with some lighthearted commentary. You can check it

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## THINKING OF AIA FELLOWSHIP?

AIA Nevada has fourteen current members of the College of Fellows. Each having achieved this distinguished level of service to the profession through their membership and participation in the AIA. Every AIA member is encouraged to consider this important achievement and to plan for their Pathway to Fellowship. **On Monday, January 4th, the AIA Nevada Fellows Committee will host a virtual meeting to share their experiences and knowledge of how to achieve Fellowship.** Now is the time learn what is required and what is involved in planning your Pathway to Fellowship. The meeting begins at Noon and you can register now..... [click here.](#)



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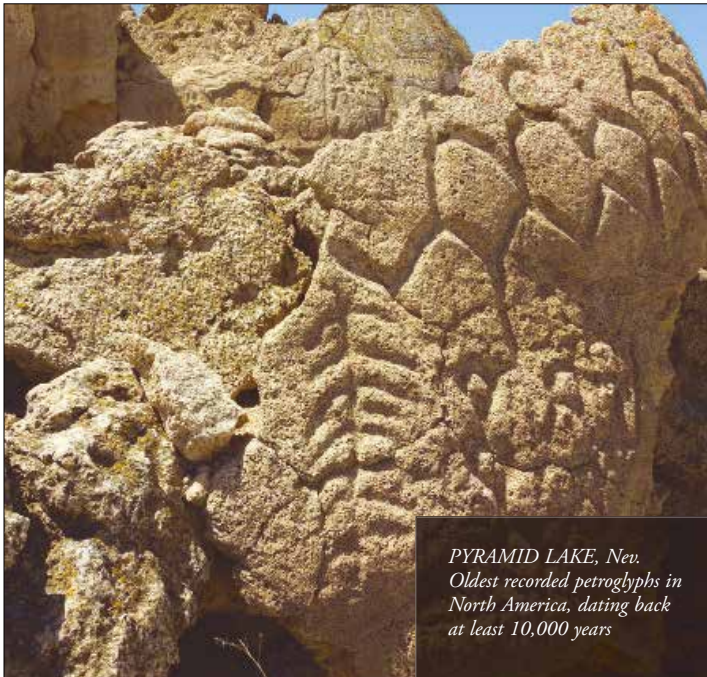
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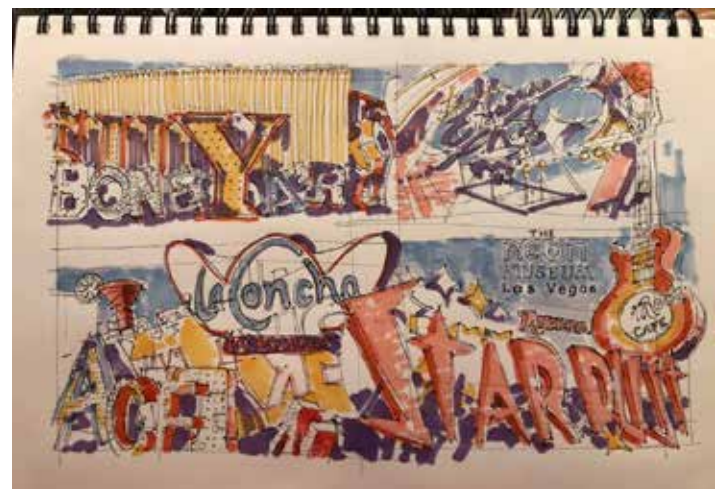
**Time: 11:00a to 1:00p PST**

**This Month's Theme Is  
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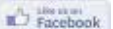
**Please sketch a Holiday Scene (whatever that might be for you)  
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### SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! AIA LAS VEGAS COMMITTEES AND MEETING SCHEDULES

#### AIA Las Vegas Disaster Preparedness Committee

Chair: Troy Moser, AIA [troy@moserarchitecture.com](mailto:troy@moserarchitecture.com)  
Meeting: 1st Tuesday of each month at 3:00pm

#### AIA Las Vegas COTE Committee

Chair: Rick Van Diepen, AIA [rick@GRNVision.com](mailto:rick@GRNVision.com)  
Meeting 1st Thursday of each month at 11:30am

#### AIA Las Vegas Affordable Housing Committee

Chair: Monica Gresser, AIA [mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com](mailto:mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com)  
Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm

#### AIA Las Vegas Allied Members Committee

Chair: Lee Hopkinson [lhopkinson@rand.com](mailto:lhopkinson@rand.com)  
Meeting 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:00am (Coffee w/ Arch)

#### AIA Las Vegas Government Affairs Committee

Chair: Lance Kirk, AIA [lj Kirk@lgainc.com](mailto:lj Kirk@lgainc.com)  
Meeting 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30pm

#### AIA Las Vegas Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Chair: Melvin Green, AIA [melvin@kmearchitects.com](mailto:melvin@kmearchitects.com)  
Meeting 3rd Thursday of each month at 4:00pm

#### AIA Las Vegas Education Outreach Committee

Chair: John Torpey, AIA [jot751@aol.com](mailto:jot751@aol.com)  
Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm

#### AIA Las Vegas Women In Architecture Committee

Co-Chairs: Monica Gresser, AIA [mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com](mailto:mgresser@brazenarchitecture.com)  
Anna Peltier [anna@arialandscape.com](mailto:anna@arialandscape.com)  
Meeting 4th Tuesday of each month at 4:00pm

#### AIA Las Vegas UNLV School of Architecture Committee

Chair: Glenn Nowak, AIA [glenn.nowak@unlv.edu](mailto:glenn.nowak@unlv.edu)  
Meeting 4th Wednesday of the month at 11:30am

#### AIA Las Vegas Strategic Planning Committee

Chair: John Sawdon, AIA [johns@knitstudios.com](mailto:johns@knitstudios.com)  
Meeting 4th Thursday of each month at 10:00am

#### AIA Las Vegas EPYAF Committee

Chair: Brandon McLaughlin, AIA [bmclaughlin@lgainc.com](mailto:bmclaughlin@lgainc.com)  
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A Nashville, Tenn., native, Franklin has worked with award-winning architecture firms in Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, and Alabama for more than 20 years. She currently is senior associate/client relationship manager at Moody Nolan, and until earlier this year was a project architect/associate at Gresham Smith. Franklin currently is the Nashville Chapter president of the National Organization of Minority Architects and president of the Tennessee Architects' Political Action Committee. She sits on the board of directors of AIA Tennessee and Nashville's Civic Design Center, and is a member of Nashville's Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency Design Review Board as well as the Board of Plumbing Examiners and Appeals. In addition to her project design and advocacy efforts, Franklin developed a love for educating and mentoring as an adjunct professor at ITT Technical Institute, where she taught drafting and design courses for several years.

Profiles continued at [www.aia.org](http://www.aia.org)  
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### JORGE MASTROPIETRO, AIA



Since he opened his first practice in Argentina in 1992, Jorge Mastropietro has devoted his career—indeed his professional life—to creating walkable, livable communities. “We are losing our sense of community,” Mastropietro said. That loss has significant implications for the environment. Change must come from the bottom up, and as a Citizen Architect, Mastropietro works with local officials to reimagine suburban life, transform his own community, and educate citizens about reducing their carbon footprints.

A registered architect in Argentina and the United States, Mastropietro is a member of AIA and the Colegio de Arquitectos de la Provincia de Buenos Aires. In the United States, he spent five years as a project manager for Rafael Viñoly Architects before founding his firm, Jorge Mastropietro Architects Atelier (JMA). Based in New York City's Soho neighborhood, JMA is an architecture, urban design, design/build, and CM practice focused on design innovation, development services, and highly sustainable methods, including Passive House. The firm is among a new breed of architecture firms that offer construction services and invest in, build, and market their own projects. In addition to his advocacy work, Mastropietro speaks at events and authors articles on various topics, including low-energy passive design.



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AIA LV Holiday Celebration and  
AIA NV Design & Service Awards

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AIA Las Vegas Board Meeting

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Coffee With An Architect  
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11 - 18  
Hannukah

14 - Jan. 4th, 2021  
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AIA Office Reopen

8  
Urban Sketchers

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MLK Day

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Valentine's Day

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Mardi Gras

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